



Week ending May 4, 2007

Mayor, Members of the City Council, and the Community Members:

CITYWIDE WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS REPORT

The *Citywide Weekly Report* highlights various activities throughout the City for the week. Consistent with our mission to ensure equal access to opportunity, education, and quality of life for every man, woman and child regardless of their race, religion, age or socio-economic status, this report will work to organize our weekly achievements so that we can measure and maximize our management and performance toward reaching our goals. It is our intent that this report will help to improve communications about the programs and services provided to both the City Council and the community.

Please contact the Public Affairs Department at 559-621-7777 with any questions.

MAJOR WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Airports

- On Monday, April 30, ExpressJet officially launched air service between Fresno and Ontario. The airline will provide service between Fresno and San Diego beginning May 14. Each city will be served with two flights per day in each direction.

UPCOMING EVENTS and PROJECTS

Fire

- The department will participate in the Pelco's Kid's Day on Friday, May 4. Engine Company No. 10, the Safety Trailer, and staff members will be present at the event.
- On Friday, May 4, the department will conduct promotional interviews for the position of firefighter specialist. Thirteen firefighters will be interviewed to fill six vacancies, and the promotions will be effective Monday, May 7.

WEEKLY NEWS

KEY RESULT AREA: PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire

- Congratulations to the department's newest 17 firefighters. They graduated from the department's fire academy on Friday, April 27, and were transferred to the fire stations on April 30, 2007.

Police

- On Friday, April 27th, 30 year old Jesus Lepe was arrested inside an apartment in the 200 block of N. Marks after a two hour standoff with police. Lepe is a validated gang member with an extensive violent criminal history, and was wanted for the April 19th murder of 37 year old Ralph Contreras.
- On Saturday, April 28th, the Fresno Police Department's Graffiti Bureau and volunteers from the Zimmerman Boys and Girls Club teamed up in operation Blackstone Blitz to wipe out graffiti along Blackstone Ave.

KEY RESULT AREA: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development

- Two City of Fresno Economic Development Department programs, FresnoStartUp.com and the [Municipal Restoration Zone](#), received an Award of Merit from California Association for Local Economic Development (CALED). CALED's Awards of Excellence are statewide awards that honor, celebrate, and recognize successful economic development programs, projects, and partnerships.

KEY RESULT AREA: CUSTOMER SERVICE

General Services

- Fleet Management personnel are currently working to upfit the first new Dodge Magnum Police Canine unit. Fleet will build 9 Magnum Canine units this year in addition to the 97 charger patrol cars.
- This week Facilities electricians completed the ball field lighting repairs at Holmes Playground. Staff is also doing a general electrical safety inspection and repair at Jr. Camp Fresno.

Parks and Recreation

- The development of the Senior and Youth Garden at Ted C. Wills is moving right along. Phase One is complete. Parks Division staff will start work on the irrigation phase of the project this week and plant materials and furniture will follow.

Transportation

- Ridership continues to increase on the FAX fixed route system. For the month of March 2007, ridership increased 7.0% with 1,114,287 passengers being served compared to 1,041,442 in March 2006. Fixed route revenues also increased by 6.4% to \$708,887.09 compared to \$666,255.38 in March 2006.
- The City of Fresno and Fresno State held a joint Press Conference on Tuesday, May 2, 2007, at 10:30 a.m., at the Shaw/Maple bus shelter, to celebrate the completion of four new bus shelters.

Public Utilities

- On April 20, The Fresno/Clovis Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility (RWRF) was recognized as the "Plant of the Year for the State of California for 2006 by the California Water Environment Association (CWEA). The CWEA represents wastewater professionals though out the State. The RWRF also received the Plant Safety Award for 2006. Rick Staggs, Chief of Wastewater Operations, for the facility was selected as the Supervisor of the Year for 2006 for the State and Frank Rascon placed 2nd as the Electrical/Instrumentation Person of the Year.
- On April 28th sixty volunteers gathered together to conduct a community clean up. The volunteers were from the Tower Beautification Group and Fresno Cruise Control. Community Sanitation's Litter Control provided the necessary equipment and materials for their event. They canvassed the Tower District as well as Kings Canyon Boulevard picking up and removing litter all along the way.

Public Works

Parking Services

- Parking Services received approval from City Council on Tuesday 5/1 to establish an Immobilization Boot Removal Fee, which will be set at \$100.00. The vehicle immobilization boot will be applied to vehicles with 5 or more delinquent parking citations rather than have the vehicle immediately impounded.